

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11 and 18-22, amend claims 1, 10, 12, 14 and 23 and add claims 31-36 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

1. (Amended) A method of developing a software application, the method comprising:
receiving a first copy of a software application from a software application server;
running the first copy of the software application within a software application development environment to develop the software application;
activating or deactivating at least one development switch within the development environment to enable modification of at least one property of the first copy of the software application;
modifying the at least one property of the first copy of the software application; [and]
sending an update notice to the software application server to indicate the modification of the property; and
deactivating or activating the at least one development switch within the development environment to demonstrate the modified property in the running software application.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving an update notice from the software application server and updating at least one property in at least one properties table associated with the at least one copy of the software application in response to the update notice.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the update notice reflects a modification of a property in the properties table of a second copy of the software application while the first copy of the software application is running

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving and running a copy of a development application to establish the development environment.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the software application is the development application.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the modified property in at least one properties table associated with the first copy of the software.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the properties modified are visual control properties.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the visual control properties are included in a visual control properties table to define the visual controls of the running first copy of the software application.
9. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the first copy of the software application is running on a client, further comprising deleting the copy of the software application from the client when the development environment is closed.
10. (Amended) A method of developing a software application, the method comprising:
receiving a first copy of a software application from a software application server;
running the first copy of the software application within a software development environment to develop the software application;
activating or deactivating at least one development switch within the development environment to enable modification of at least one property of the first copy of the software application;
modifying the at least one property of the first copy of the software application within the development environment;

storing the modified property in at least one properties table associated with the first copy of the software;

testing the operation of the modified property of the first copy of the software application within the development environment by referencing the properties table associated with the first copy of the software.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Amended) The method of claim [[11]] 10, wherein activating or deactivating the at least one development switch comprises activating or deactivating the Alt key on a keyboard.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

sending an update notice to the application server to indicate the modification to the property; and

updating at least one property in the properties table in response to at least one update received from the application server resulting from a modification of a property in at least one properties table of a second copy of the software application while the first copy of the software application is running.

14. (Amended) In a development application for creating software applications, a method for simultaneous development of a software application by two or more clients, the method comprising:

running a first copy of a software application in conjunction with a first development application and a second copy of the software application in conjunction with a second development application;

activating or deactivating at least a first development switch within the first development application to enable modification of at least a first property of the first copy of the software application and activating or deactivating at least a second development

switch within the second development application to enable modification of at least a second property of the second copy of the software application;

modifying [a] the first property of the first copy of the software application using the first development application and modifying [a] the second property of the second copy of the software application using the second development application;

storing the modifications to the first property in at least a first property table associated with the first copy of the software application and storing the modifications to the second property in at least a second property table associated with the second copy of the software application;

updating the first property table with the modification made to the second property and updating the second property table with the modification made to the first property; and

demonstrating the operation of the modified first and second properties within the first development application by referencing the first property table and demonstrating the modified first and second properties within the second development application by referencing the second property table.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the first development application is associated with a first development client and the second development application is associated with a second development client.
16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein updating occurs substantially simultaneous with the modifications to the first and second properties.
17. (Original) . The method of claim 14, wherein the software application is the development application.

18-22. (Canceled).

23. (Amended) A system for developing software applications, the system comprising:
- at least one development application server (DAS) containing a development application;
- at least one software application server (SAS) containing a software application; and
- at least one development client (DC) associated with the DAS and the SAS;
- wherein the DC is configured to receive a copy of the development application from the DAS and a copy of the software application from the SAS, to execute the copy of the development application and the copy of the software application, to activate or deactivate at least one development switch within the development application to enable modification of software application properties of the executed software application, to modify properties of the copy of the running software application, [and] to provide update notices to the SAS for each modified property; and to deactivate or activate the at least one development switch within the development application to demonstrate the modified properties in the executed software application.
24. (Original) The system of claim 23, further comprising at least a second DC associated with a DAS and an SAS, wherein the at least a second DC is configured to receive a copy of the development application from its DAS and a copy of the software application from its SAS, to execute the copy of the development application and the copy of the software application, to modify properties of the copy of the running software application, and provide update notices to its SAS for each modified property.
25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein each SAS of the system which receives an update notice is configured to modify the properties of its software application and forward the update notice to each of its clients.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the properties are stored in at least one property table and the property table is modified when an update notice is received.
27. (Original) The system of claim 23, further comprising a software application client (AC) associated with an SAS; wherein the AC is configured to receive a copy of the software application from the SAS, to execute the copy of the software application, and to update its properties when an update notice is received from the SAS.
28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein each client may run its copy of the software application and receive update notices from the SAS regardless of whether another client is running a copy of the software application.
29. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the software application is the development application.
30. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the AC is a backup for the application software.
31. (Newly Added) The method of claim 1, wherein the software application development environment is a graphical development environment.
32. (Newly Added) The method of claim 1, wherein sending an update notice to the software application server to indicate the modification of the property is done substantially simultaneously with the modification to the property being made.
33. (Newly Added) The method of claim 10, wherein storing the modified property in the at least one properties table is done substantially simultaneously with modifying the at least one property.
34. (Newly Added) The method of claim 14, wherein the development application is a graphical development application.

35. (Newly Added) The system of claim 23, wherein the DC is a graphical based DC.

36. (Newly Added) The system of claim 23, wherein the DC is further configured to provide the update notices to the SAS for each modified property substantially simultaneously with each property modification being made.